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SUBJECT: REPORT OF FED. STATE. OFF. ON ACHIEVEMENT CZECHOSLOVAK
AGRICULTURE IN 1976.

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1. REPORT FEDERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE COVERS AGRICULTURE
MOSTLY IN BROAD TERMS AND REVEALS ONLY FEW NEW SPECIFICS
IN THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL OVERALL FARM PRODUCTION IN 1976 WAS
2.7 PERCENT LOWER THAN IN 1975. CROP PRODUCTION FELL
6.3 PERCENT BUT LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION INCREASED 0.2
PERCENT OVER 1975.

3. GRAIN PRODUCTION STAYED ROUGHLY AT THE 1975 LEVEL,
BUT PERENNIAL FORAGE AND HAY HARVESTED WERE ROUGHLY 20
PERCENT LESS THAN IN 1975. VEGETABLE PRODUCTION FELL
30 PERCENT.

4. SHORTFALL IN BULK FEED HAD ADVERSE IMPACT ON LIVESTOCK (COWS)
AFFECTING MAINLY PRIVATE FARMS ON SMALL PLOTS. FOLLOWING
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NUMBERS WERE GIVEN IN LIVESTOCK SECTOR IN THOUSANDS ON JAN. 1,
1977 WITH BRACKETED FIGURES A YEAR EARLIER: TOTAL CATTLE ON
FARMS 4,654 (4,555), COWS 1,898 (1,903), ALL PIGS 6,820 (6,683)
AND BREEDING SOWS 526 (509). MILK OUTPUT PER COW CAME TO
2,805 LITERS, ABOUT THE SAME AS IN 1975 AND EGS PER LAYER
220 PIECES.

5. FIGURES WERE ALSO GIVEN ON STATE PROCUREMENTS OF LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS. THESE SHOW THAT IN 1976 STATE AGENCIES PURCHASED 621,000 TONS CATTLE FOR SLAUGHTER, DOWN 20,000 TONS FROM 1975, 744,000 TONS OF PIGS FOR SLAUGHTER, UP 7,000 TONS, AND POULTRY FOR SLAUGHTER 194,000 TONS, UP 16,000 TONS OVER A YEAR AGO. STATE AGENCIES ALSO PURCHASED 4,6000 MILLION LITERS OF MILK, UP 30 MILLION LITERS AND 2,311 MILLION PIECES OF EGGS, ONE MILLION LESS THAN IN 1975.

6. COMMENTS. DATA PROVIDED IN THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR ON STATE PROCUREMENTS ARE REGULARLY PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE MONTHLY BULLETIN OF STATISTICS, SO IT DID NOT REVEAL ANYTHING NEW. THE REPORT LIKEWISE DOES NOT SAY ANTHING NEW ON CROP PRODUCTION AND AS FAR AS INDIVIDUAL CORPS ARE CONCERNED, IT SAYS NEXT TO NOTHING.

7. FOR PRELIMINARY ASSESMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAK AGRICULTURE IN 1976 AND FOR PROSPECTS FOR 1977, SEE FOLLOWING FAS SITUATION REPORTS, POUCHED FAS WASHINGTON FEB. 8: GRAIN, CZ 7004, LIVESTOCK, CZ 7002, DAIRY, CZ 7005, AND POULTYR AND EGGS. CZ 7003. MEEHAN

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